

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
TAG REVIEW DATE: 22 FEBRUARY 1996**

1. SITE NAME: Salisbury Beach Military Reservation

SITE NUMBER: D01MA051700

LOCATION:
City: Salisbury
County: Essex
State: Massachusetts

PROJECT NUMBER: D01MA051701

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 1

ASR RAC: 3

TAG RAC: 5

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The former Salisbury Beach Military Reservation consists of 228 acres made up of beach and state park property plus 39,250 acres of ocean property. The 228 acres of the site is currently owned by two different owners. The majority of the property is part of the Salisbury Beach State Reservation, a state park owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A small parcel of land, 2 acres, is owned by the Department of Transportation and used as a location for a

navigational aide. The remainder of the site is beach owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

4. SITE HISTORY: The original site consisted of about 1 acre of beach and two rock out crops in the Merrimack River. It was acquired by the War Department in the years 1808 and 1835. There was no indication that this property was ever actively used by the War Department. The original site was disposed of prior to 1941. In 1941, the War Department established another installation with the identical name as a coast artillery defense site. This installation was located on property leased from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The installation consisted of two different parcels of land. The main installation was a coast artillery gun site. The other parcel contained an observation tower. All acreage was disposed of prior to the mid 1950's. Since site closure, the main installation has become a state park. The area that contained the observation is a beach.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The former Salisbury Military Installation consists of approximately 39,478 acres. The majority of the acreage is ocean, approximately 39,250 acres. The remaining 228 acres are state park and beach property. The Archives Search Report (ASR) divides the 228 acres into three different areas of concern, these areas have been combined into area A of this fact sheet.

Area	"A"
Size Acres:	228 acres
Former Use:	Observation Tower (1 acre), Firing Line(10 acres), Remaining unused land(217)
Present Use:	Beach and State Park Property
Probable End Use:	Same as Present Use
Confirmed Ordnance:	Yes
Types:	.50 Caliber complete round
Potential Ordnance:	None
Types:	N/A

Area	"B"
Size Acres:	39,250 acres
Former Use:	Off Shore Ordnance Area
Present Use:	Atlantic Ocean
Probable End Use:	Atlantic Ocean
Confirmed Ordnance:	None
Types:	N/A
Potential Ordnance:	Yes
Types:	Large Caliber Artillery Projectiles

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report for the former Salisbury Beach Military Reservation was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District in September 1995.

7. STRATEGY:

Area "A" Interviews, included in the ASR, report that .50 caliber cartridge cases and a few .50 caliber complete rounds have been found in this area. The complete rounds that have been found did not have a link on the cartridge case indicating that these rounds were jams or misfires. These rounds were found in the firing line part of area "A". No ordnance was found during the initial site investigation for the ASR. The majority of the area is beach property and is visited each year by thousands of people without incident. Due to the fact that .50 caliber rounds are considered small arms and the possibility of finding a complete round is small, the recommendation for this site is that there be no further action performed in this area.

Area "B" Area "B" was the impact area for the reservation and is located entirely in the Atlantic Ocean. It is recommended that there be no further action performed in this area based on the attached USACE Memorandum (Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) - Site Eligibility Policy Clarification for Ordnance and Explosives (OE) at FUDS, dated 15 March 1994). Subject memorandum states that off-shore ordnance sites beyond 100 yards of mean high tide will not be added to the Inventory Data Base.

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS: There are known Federally and State listed species occurring in the site area. An on site inspection by the appropriate federal and state personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities if remedial actions recommended as part of the final Archives Search Report.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: NOFA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: NOFA